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OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

TOWN

OF

WESTHAMPTON

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1993

CLAIRE AND FRANCIS LOUD

It is always a pleasure to dedicate the Annual Report to an outstanding, civic minded resident and this year it is a double pleasure to dedicate the 1993 Annual Report to Claire and Francis Loud.

Claire and Frannie live on South Road, are the parents of five children, Eileen, Suzanne, Barbara, Lynn and Glenn, and have nine grandchildren.

Frannie has served the Town for many years as a volunteer fireman, from 1949 through 1959, at which time he was appointed Fire Chief, a position he held until 1968. He then served as Deputy Chief until 1971 and, upon his retirement, was made an honorary member.

In 1961, he was appointed Police Chief, serving in that position through 1979.

He also served on several committees, among those the School Building Needs Committee, Memorial Day Committees, the Historical District Study Committee; was elected to the Planning Board for six years and was appointed Veterans Agent in 1990, serving in that position to the present time. He was also active as a Corporator and Trustee of the Haydenville Savings Bank and a Deputy Sheriff of Hampshire County for many years.

Claire (Richardson) Loud, while busy raising her family, also made time for the other youth of our community. As an accomplished seamstress and 4-H leader, she introduced them to the wonderful world of sewing. She served many years as Chairman of the 4-H Town Committee, taught adult education for the Extension Service and served on numerous Tri-County Fair Committees.

She was also a dispatcher for the Fire Department and the Police Department and was appointed a Police Matron, a position she held for many years. She also served as an Election Officer for the Town.

They were both active as leaders of the Pilgrim Fellowship for a number of years.

At this time we wish to thank the Louds for giving so much of their time and energy to the Town. It is an honor to dedicate this report to such exceptional people.

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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Our town continued to operate in 1993 through the cooperative efforts of employees, elected officials and appointees. Many issues were addressed, and the board is sincerely grateful for the time and energy that so many residents have given to help us.

William McCloud, Diane Kwolek and David Bridgman were on the board in January. It was then that we focused our attention on actively marketing the Center School property through the A.W. Borawski Real Estate company. Though several groups and individuals showed interest, no offers were received. In March, we advertised through a Request for Proposals in the Central Register and in the local newspapers with bids to be opened in May. One bid was received, from Ronald Lavigne of Northampton, and with the advice of Town Counsel, we accepted it in principle with some details to be negotiated. In September Mr. Lavigne withdrew his offer since he did not want to meet our terms. Another RFP was submitted, with bids to be opened in November. One bid was received, from John Zimmerman and Jean Sheely of Pittsfield. Their bid was accepted and at year's end the buyers were diligently moving forward. The complexity of environmental issues were cause for delay, so a proposed closing date was set for May 1994.

To attend to the anticipated loss of office space at the Center School and the acknowledged lack of space at the Town Hall, an "all boards" meeting was held in January. The police department's office was of primary concern. Brainstorming led to the idea of using the Town Hall stage, Town Hall gym floor, or Memorial Library basement. Support was not strong for any, so a Town Hall Space Needs Committee was appointed with Brian Pichette, Tom Hathaway, Dick Huntley and

Tim Daley serving. They brought a list of immediate repairs needed for the Town Hall to the Annual Town Meeting. A possible proposal for use of Center School was presented in the event of no sale. Since a sale seemed imminent in December, a new Space Needs Committee was appointed with Janice Tracy, John Bridgman, Dick Huntley and Tim Daley serving. We had an "all boards" meeting in December to seek space needs of each board in town. A floor plan for an addition to the rear of the Town Hall was drawn, with a presentation to be made at the Annual Town Meeting in the spring of 1994, once the sale of the Center School has been completed.

At the June elections, Benjamin Coggins was elected to the board to replace William McCloud, who did not seek re-election. We reorganized with Diane Kwolek, Chairman, Benjamin Coggins, clerk and David Bridgman, third member.

A benefit to our town will be the implementation of the Enhanced 911 system that has been in the planning stages. The Board of Selectmen, Police Chief David Huntley and Fire Chief Tracy have attended informational meetings to learn about it. We signed an agreement with the State Police in June to receive the free dispatching service from them once the system is on line sometime in 1994. This statewide system will be explained to the public when it becomes operational. To comply with guidelines of E-911, we changed the name of Montague Hill Road to Spruce Hill Road to avoid confusion with Montague Road.

The installation of water pipes by our Highway Department from Hampshire Regional High School up to the Town Hall, Library and Westhampton Congregational Church and down to the Highway garage was completed in September. Though plans for this started in 1991, negotiations with the HRHS for use of their water supply and requirements

of the Department of Environmental Protection led to delays. The Westhampton Water Company was able to dissolve at year's end. We are thankful to them for their patience in continuing to supply water to us beyond the expected time. Our Plumbing Inspector, Brian Pichette, completed inspection of installation of new wells to homeowners with specific attention to proper tying off from the Water Company.

The Education Reform Act was passed this year. The Chairman of the Board of Selectmen is now required to join the school committee and the teachers of the Westhampton Elementary School during contract negotiations. Chairman Kwolek joined in this year. One Selectmen from the five towns of the Hampshire Regional School District must represent all at the HRHS negotiations. Selectmen Allen of Southampton was the representative this year. New financial requirements are being placed on towns with the state mandating how we fund our schools.

In the summer, the Hilltown Community Development Corporation helped our board to complete a "Community Action Statement" required of towns that may seek grant money from the state. Input was requested from all of our town boards with emphasis on needs they could foresee in the next five years. We are grateful to our board's secretary, Margaret Parsons and the HCDC director, Fran Van Treese, for the efforts needed to see this through. In August, we applied for a grant from the Executive Office of Communities and Development for a handicapped accessibility project for the Town Hall, in order to begin complying with the Americans with Disabilities Act requirements. A chair lift to the stage, hardware for doors and a level parking area on the side of the Town Hall were included in this application. With help form the HCDC staff, we were timely with our application and are delighted that the project was accepted in

December. Plans for an After School Child Care program was submitted for the EOCD grant program by Barbara Pelissier and Rene Blakesley with help from the YMCA. This project was also accepted.

In August we received word that our non-criminal ticketing by-law that was voted at the Annual Town Meeting was approved by the Attorney General. We are now able to impose fines for non-compliance of bylaws without having to go through the courts.

Our Town Hall custodian, Charles Burgess, started in January and has kept a watchful eye on the building. His communication with the board has proven helpful in keeping the maintenance needs of the building met. We are thankful for his efforts.

The Town Hall is being used regularly by town groups. Cindy's School of Dance holds classes for children, Robbie Merrington has used it for rehearsals for plays that she directs, the 4-H woodworking club uses the downstairs, the Boy Scouts hold meetings there and have used the basement for a bottle collection project. It has again been open to recreational basketball. It pleases us to see the Town Hall used regularly. Anyone wishing to use the hall is asked to call the Board of Selectmen.

The Highway Department completed the intersection of Perry Hill Road in June - a welcome change and worthy use of the State Chapter 90 funds. Work was also done on Edwards Road since many building lots were sold there and home construction has begun. The Board of Selectmen and Highway Superintendent Richard Tracy were able to take part in discussions of sharing a Brushmower with 7 other towns, the purchase being made by WMECO. An agreement was signed in June and we have had a turn using the machine which cuts the

roadside brush.

An unregistered motor vehicle complaint was received in June. The resident was able to dispose of the excessive number of vehicles within the time allotted by the Board of Selectmen.

Several dog complaints were received during the year. The Animal Control Officer, Rick Tracy must handle problems that could involve rabies. Our town voted in March to pay for Mr. Tracy to be vaccinated. General nuisance complaints were handled by the Board of Selectmen.

At the Annual Town Meeting, residents voted to establish a Task Force to study the Landfill closure. In December the Board of Selectmen appointed residents to assist the Board of Health: Sheila Marks. David Brown and Dick Tillson will serve along with Eric Weiss of the HRMC, Phoebe Mitchell of Conservation and Selectmen Coggins.

The board accepted several resignations with regret:

David Huntley	Planning Board
James Tunstall	Planning Board
Paul Choiniere	Wiring Inspector
Mary Powers	Board of Health

John Grimes was not reappointed Building Inspector in June.

Appointments made were Laura Blakesley and Lydia Omasta to Finance Committee, Steve Malinowski and Mark Schwallie to Planning Board, Philip Dowling to Board of Health, John Lyons of Northampton as Wiring Inspector, and Myron Pietraskiewicz of Easthampton as Building Inspector/ Zoning Enforcement Officer.

The EMT's requested a new radio system with Southampton, our dispatchers for fire and

emergencies. Approval was made at a Special Town Meeting and installation is expected in early 1994.

Earl Gett offered a magnifying machine with monitor to the Board of Selectmen for use at the Library, or at resident's homes on loan, but the library trustees voted with regret not to accept the offer since a need was not determined.

The Board of Selectmen has attended seminars and workshops held throughout the year in order to better serve the town by keeping abreast of state mandates and laws. The Massachusetts Municipal Association offers information for us. The Hampshire Municipal Advisory Committee serves as a forum for sharing ideas with other selectmen, finance and school committee members in the five towns of the HRHS district. The Hampshire Selectmen's Association was also reactivated this year with our member David Bridgman serving as president. Chairman Kwolek was elected to the board of trustees of the Massachusetts Interlocal Insurance Association, our insurance provider. This is a means to give input to their policies and to understand their operation.

Our town continues to use the services of Kopelman & Paige, P.C. of Boston for our Town Counsel. We have needed their expertise several times and benefited from it.

Licenses to do business in your home are procured from the Board of Selectmen. We have issued many, but we realize that there are probably more residents who need to contact us to comply. Our meetings on Monday evenings are open and we ask that you come.

As we ended the year, the Board of Selectmen felt a strong sense of commitment from many residents in the operation of the town. We rely on many in order to see projects through to

completion. It has been enjoyable to be able to fill vacancies with energetic volunteers. We have the best interest of the town in mind and appreciate knowing that many of you are there to help us.

Town Clerk Luanne Clark has been more than generous to continue in her position after notifying us of her intention to resign last June. Repeated efforts were made to find a replacement, but no one has come forward. We are sincerely grateful to her for her dedication and contributions to our town.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Kwolek, Chairman
David K. Bridgman
Benjamin Coggins

REPORT OF THE HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COMMISSIONER

In November 1988 the citizens of Hampshire County adopted a new Charter. Their goal was to make County Government a means for municipalities to act on a regional basis. Government in Hampshire County is provided by representatives of each of the nineteen towns and one city within the County. The Board of Hampshire County Commissioners is made up of the following committees: Executive Committee, Regional Services Municipal Advisory Committee, Public Safety Municipal Advisory Committee, Legislative, Charter, Code Committee, Airport Study Committee, Finance Committee, Computer Sub-Committee, and Road Viewing and Hearing Sub-Committee.

As your Commissioner, I continue to serve on the following standing committees: Public Safety

Municipal Advisory Committee; Regional Services Municipal Advisory Committee and the County Road Viewing and Hearing Sub-Committee.

The Public Safety Municipal Advisory Committee serves as liaison in the board's relationship with the Sheriff, Jail and House of Correction, Aquatic Rescue Team, Emergency Medical System Program and the Hampshire County Fire Defense Association. The Committee also exercises general supervision over all emergency services. This year the Committee has worked on a Mass Casualty Incident Plan, which is intended to outline a process for pre-hospital care for accident victims of multiple casualty incidents. This plan, when it goes into effect, will involve fire departments, state police, local police, EMS, Cooley Dickinson Hospital and additional hospitals, town officials and all dispatchers. We also continue to work on the County-wide E-911 system, which is scheduled to go into effect in 1994. Holding cells for the trial courts are now complete. The Committee worked on this project for over a year with the cost being reimbursed by the Commonwealth through court rental fees.

In 1993, under the Regional Services Advisory Committee, we hired Geoffrey Rogers as our Regional Services Coordinator. We have asked Geoff to work on a number of projects that would benefit the towns of Hampshire County. One such project is Federal Surplus Equipment, which would allow us to distribute useful equipment to our communities. Another project is the Building Inspector Program. Hampshire County has an excellent opportunity o become involved as managing agency for a Shared Building Inspection Program; such a program would include administration and oversight by the County, with one or more inspectors/zoning enforcement officers serving any communities which sign an intermunicipal agreement with us. Participating communities would be assessed an annual fee based on their level of building permit activity and/or zoning actions. With this program, communities

would have available to them, individuals thoroughly knowledgeable of the building and zoning laws of the Commonwealth.

Another project that we are involved with that is of potential interest to municipalities, is a state grant program to fund removal of underground storage tanks, and cleanup of associated environmental hazards. The program, which is funded from a tax on fuel, was authorized by Chapter 21J of the Massachusetts General Laws. It consists of two parts: one for private entities and the other for municipalities. According to a survey conducted by our Committee, municipalities in Hampshire County own 180 underground storage tanks ranging in size from 275 gallons to 20,000 gallons. The potential risks associated with such a battery of underground tanks are enormous and the need for a grant program to help alleviate these risks is great and immediate.

The Commissioners will be holding a number of workshops in 1994 for municipal officials. Among these will be a Municipal Law Seminar, Title V Changes, ADA Seminars, Local Planning Workshops, Board of Health Workshops, a Zoning Board of Appeals Clinic,, and Financial Assistance Workshops.

The County has been hit with the same budget restraints as the towns, but Hampshire County is a strong County, with many vital regional programs instituted to aid our communities. We will continue to strive to keep county government alive and well.

We, as County Commissioners are always open to new ideas and suggestions and I am available to anyone needing assistance involving County Government.

Cordially submitted,

David K. Bridgman
Hampshire County
Commissioner

REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER

GENERAL FUND

Balance July 1, 1992	99485.99
Receipts	3206989.93
Disbursements	3061049.82
Balance June 30, 1993	245426.10

Cash on Hand	456.12
Fleet Checking	3071.73
Fleet Money Market	25327.73
Fleet Collector	32079.31
Fleet Deputy Collector	1772.55
Bay Bank Collateral	2188.98
Bay Bank Capital	161159.24
Bay Bank Now	2399.75
MMDT	13319.26
Shawmut	3651.43
Total	245426.10

TRUST FUNDS

MMDT

Charity	3415.56
Cemetery	3737.44
Veterans	1107.56
	8260.56

Stabilization Fund - MMDT

Balance July 1, 1992	95217.10
Receipts	2792.92
Disbursements	25869.00
Balance June 30 ,1993	72141.02

Total All Funds	325827.68

Interest Earned $17654.93

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret A. Parsons
Treasurer

REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

Ending June 30, 1993

1982 Motor Vehicle			
Commitment	$ 6.25		
Collected	-6.25		
Due			none
1985 Motor Vehicle			
Commitment	67.10		
Collected	-67.10		
Due			none
1986 Motor Vehicle			
Commitment	177.50		
Collected	-177.50		
Due			none
1987 Motor Vehicle			
Due 7/1/92	52.81		
Collected	- 5.00		
Due			47.81
1988 Motor Vehicle			
Due 7/1/92	660.32		
Collected	- 45.00		
Due			615.32
1989 Motor Vehicle			
Due 7/1/92	770.85		
Collected	- 114.79		
Due			656.06
1990 Motor Vehicle			
Due 7/1/92	1266.68		
Abated	- 227.50		
Collected	- 171.15		
Refunded		38.96	
Due			868.03
1991 Motor Vehicle			
Due 7/1/92	1032.51		
Commitment	+ 373.55		
Collected	- 962.41		
Due			443.65
1992 Motor Vehicle			
Due 7/1/92	2647.72		
Commitment	+ 10788.04		
Commitment	+ 4167.97		

Commitment	+ 1749.29			
Commitment	+ 353.40			
Commitment	+ 454.69			
Overpayment	+ 55.63			
Abated	- 255.66			
Refunded			942.16	
Collected	- 18912.53			
Due				1048.55
1993 Motor Vehicle				
Commitment	+ 47005.00			
Commitment	+ 14987.38			
Abated	- 610.00			
Refunded			182.40	
Collected	- 55316.51			
Due				6065.87
1992 Farm Animal				
Due 7/1/92	204.75			
Collected	-204.75			
Due				none
1993 Farm Animal				
Due 7/1/92	2158.50			
Collected	- 1399.25			
Due				759.25
FY90 Personal Property				
Due 7/1/92	99.15			
Due				99.15
FY91 Personal Property				
Due 7/1/92	145.59			
Collected	- 2.07			
Due				143.52
FY92 Personal Property				
Due 7/1/92	385.28			
Collected	- 113.92			
Abated	- 14.08			
Refunded			21.76	
Due				257.28
FY93 Personal Property				
Commitment	26813.50			
Abated	- 93.80			
Overpayment	+ 13.30			
Collected	-24820.60			
Due				1912.40

FY92 Chapters

Due 7/1/92	647.74		
Collected	- 647.74		
Refunded		165.73	
Due			none

FY91 Real Estate

Due 7/1/92	4608.43		
Collected	4518.73		
Due			89.70

FY92 Real Estate

Due 7/1/92	52578.97		
Commit	+ 1585.92		
Overpayment	+ 71.90		
Refunded		19560.40	
Abated	- 1594.58		
Collected	-44835.62		
Due			7806.59

FY 93 Real Estate

Commitment	1203718.60		
Commitment	+ 28.53		
Abated	- 15808.91		
Refunded		1779.40	
Collected	-1128808.34		
Overpayment	+ 2342.40		
Due			61472.28

Interest Collected.. $6648.49

Respectfully submitted,
Charles Ognibene
Tax Collector

I have examined the books of the Tax Collector and, to the best of my knowledge, find them to be accurate.

Evelyn D. Blakesley
Auditor

REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTING OFFICER

July 1, 1992-June 30, 1993

Cash on Hand July 1, 1992		
General	99485.99	
Stabilization	95217.10	
Trust Funds	8226.21	
		202929.30

RECEIPTS

Taxes		
Property	1203757.02	
Farm Animal Excise	1604.00	
In Lieu of Taxes	7054.60	
Motor Vehicle Excise	75778.24	
Tax Title	7785.41	1295979.27
Commonwealth of Massachusetts		
Local Aid/Lottery	54809.00	
Highway Fund	36329.00	
Elections	90.00	
Chapter 70 Schools	18050.00	
Chapter 71 Transportation	14216.00	
SBAB Reimbursement	253913.00	
Loss of Taxes	4525.00	381932.00
Grants & Gifts		
Dog Refund	559.25	
Council Aging Federal	955.00	
Council Aging State	600.00	
Arts Lottery	2000.00	
Library Aid	1928.90	
Water Gift	1500.00	7543.15

General Government		
Licenses	651.00	
Plumbing Fees	1357.00	
Electrical Fees	1825.00	
Sanitation Fees	150.00	
Building Permits	8859.00	
Assessors	23.50	
Planning Board	220.00	
Board of Appeals	86.00	
Mark & Clear	160.00	
Miscellaneous	3028.90	16360.40
Police		
Motor Vehicle Fines	2892.50	
Permits	678.00	
Miscellaneous	31.00	
Revolving Fund	3478.50	7080.00
Board of Health		
Licenses & Permits	165.00	
Perc Tests	150.00	
Landfill Fees	27537.50	27852.50
Revolving Funds		
Town Clerk Licenses	379.50	
Dog Care & Kill	120.00	
Fish & Game Fees	1508.25	
Town Clerk Fees	346.10	
Tax Collector Fees	3943.00	
Deputy Collector Fees	477.73	6774.58
Schools		
Chapter 1	6721.00	
Cultural Council	129.00	
Grant-$100/pupil	16100.00	
Grant-PRI93-251	170.00	
Preschool Revolving	44587.00	
Kindergarten Revolving	9232.70	
School Lunch State	729.89	
School Lunch Federal	4280.71	

School Lunch Sales	12723.38	94673.68
Highway Department		
Chapter 15	103647.50	
Chapter 133	38367.00	142014.50
Loans		
Temporary Loans	950000.00	
Court Judgment	100000.00	1050000.00
Interest		
On Deposit	6359.86	
On Taxes	8248.80	
On Charity Funds	104.57	
On Cemetery Funds	114.43	
On Veterans Trust	34.35	
On Stabilization	2792.92	17654.93
Refunds		162.96
Agency		
Meals Tax	42.62	
Payroll Deductions	161746.61	161789.23
	Total Receipts	3209817.20

PAYMENTS

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Counsel Fees

Appropriation	3000.00
Expenditures	3000.00
Balance closed to revenue	0.00

Moderator

Appropriation	150.00
Expenditures	150.00

Balance closed to revenue		0.00
	Selectmen Salary	
Appropriation		3200.00
Expenditures		3200.00
Balance closed to revenue		0.00
	Selectmen Expense	
	3000.00	
Transfer from Unemployment	450.00	3450.00
Expenditures		
Travel	528.52	
Dues	483.00	
Town Report	625.00	
Advertising	379.72	
Copier contract	281.25	
Supplies	1006.25	
Postage	145.00	
		3448.74
Balance closed to revenue		1.26
	Selectmen Secretary	
Appropriation		2500.00
Expenditures		2500.00
Balance closed to revenue		0.00
	Auditor Salary	
Appropriation		90.00
Expenditures		90.00
Balance closed to revenue		0.00

Accounting Officer Salary		
Appropriation		5000.00
Expenditures		5000.00
Balance closed to revenue		0.00
Accounting Officer Expense		
Appropriation		630.00
Expenditures		
Computer contract	450.00	
Supplies	117.00	
Dues	30.00	
Travel	33.00	
		630.00
Balance closed to revenue		0.00
Assessors Salary		
Appropriation		3200.00
Expenditures		3200.00
Balance closed to revenue		0.00
Assessors Expense		
Appropriation	8580.00	
Budget Reduction	-1250.00	
		7330.00
Expenditures		
Registry tranfers	69.75	
Updating assistance	2260.00	
Computer contract	327.68	
Computer	1500.00	
Supplies	2815.34	6972.77
Balance forward to F94		350.00
Balance closed to revenue		7.23

Assessors Secretary		
Appropriation		905.00
Expenditures		905.00
Balance closed to revenue		0.00
Treasurer Salary		
Appropriation		5000.00
Expenditures		5000.00
Balance closed to revenue		0.00
Treasurer Expense		
Appropriation	2110.00	
Transfer from Reserve	300.00	2410.00
Expenditures		
Computer contract	250.00	
Bank charges	754.17	
Bond fee	300.00	
Borrowing fees	355.00	
Dues	35.00	
Travel	118.50	
Supplies	583.85	2396.52
Balance closed to revenue		13.48
Tax Collector Salary		
Appropriation		1650.00
Expenditures		1650.00
Balance closed to revenue		0.00
Tax Collector Expense		
Appropriation		1400.00
Expenditures		

Telephone	289.07	
Supplies	823.55	
Dues	35.00	1147.62
Balance closed to revenue		252.38

Town Clerk Salary

Appropriation		1650.00
Expenditures		1650.00
Balance closed to revenue		0.00

Town Clerk Expense

Appropriation	2000.00	
Election Reimbursement	90.00	2090.00
Expenditures		
Computer contract	100.00	
Election officers	657.22	
Census	275.00	
Supplies	933.98	
Dues	15.00	
Travel	30.39	2011.59
Balance closed to revenue		78.41

Clerk Board of Registrars

Appropriation		60.00
Expenditures		60.00
Balance closed to revenue		0.00

Conservation Commission

Appropriation	20.00	
Transfer from Reserve	75.00	95.00
Expenditures		95.00

Balance closed to revenue		0.00
	Planning Board Expense	
Appropriation		1.00
Expenditures		0.00
Balance closed to revenue		1.00
HIGHWAYS		
	Highway Administration	
Appropriation		2150.00
Expenditures		
Uniforms	720.00	
Telephone	1088.98	
Supplies	39.00	
Dues & travel	217.49	2065.47
Balance closed to revenue		84.53
	Highway Salaries	
Appropriation	70500.00	
Budget Reduction	-1000.00	69500.00
Expenditures		67157.24
Balance closed to revenue		2342.76
	Holiday Pay	
Appropriation		1729.00
Expenditures		1648.16
Balance closed to revenue		80.84
	Vacation Pay	
Appropriation		2170.00
Expenditures		2170.00

Balance closed to revenue		0.00
	Bridges & Railings	
Appropriation		500.00
Expenditures		500.00
Balance closed to revenue		0.00
	Highway Materials	
Appropriation		36000.00
Expenditures		
Catch basin cleaning	7420.00	
Roadside mowing	2075.00	
Crack sealing	12823.50	
Other hired equipment	1242.20	
Supplies/materials	12438.66	35999.36
Balance closed to revenue		0.64
	Road Machinery	
Appropriation		16000.00
Expenditures		
Repairs	3048.30	
Parts/supplies	12951.70	
		16000.00
Balance closed to revenue		0.00
	Road Machinery Fuel	
Appropriation	9500.00	
Budget reduction	-1500.00	8000.00
Expenditures		7559.88
Balance closed to revenue		440.12

	Snow Removal	
Appropriation		24000.00
Expenditures		
Overtime	7153.43	
Winter sand	10931.12	
Salt	11483.02	
Supplies/service	15080.36	44647.93
Deficit balance forward		-20647.93
	Road Machinery Buildings	
Appropriation		2800.00
Expenditures		
Electricity	666.63	
Fuel	1415.18	
Supplies/service	718.19	
		2800.00
Balance closed to revenue		0.00

SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES

	Hampshire Regional High School	
Appropriation	412000.00	
Summer pay	3649.00	
Budget reduction	-12000.00	403649.00
Assessment		403649.00
Balance closed to revenue		0.00
	Vocational	
Appropriation		
Taxation	92225.00	
Stabilization fund	21625.00	
Budget reduction	-11430.00	102420.00
Expenditures		
Tuition	78262.05	

Transportation	14256.00	92518.05
Balance closed to revenue		9901.95
	Elementary School	
Appropriation	474600.00	
	5567.88	480167.88
Expenditures		
See Elementary report		478704.10
Encumbered to F 1994		905.52
Balance closed to revenue		558.26
	School Committee Salary	
Appropriation		480.00
Salary		480.00
Balance closed to revenue		0.00
	New School	
Balance forward F1992		44558.20
Expenditures		
Project costs		44558.20
Balance closed to revenue		0.00
	Library	
Appropriation	11036.83	
Dog Refund	233.17	
State Aid to Libraries	1959.41	13229.41
Expenditures		
Salary	8974.63	
Dues & travel	172.45	
Utilities & lawns	839.30	
Books and supplies	3243.03	13229.41

Balance closed to revenue	0.00

VETERANS

Veterans

Appropriation	70.00
Balance closed to revenue	70.00

Veterans Agent Salary

Appropriation	550.00
Expenditure	550.00
Balance closed to revenue	0.00

Memorial Day

Appropriation	100.00
Expenditures	61.64
Balance closed to revenue	38.36

CEMETERIES

Cemetery Salary

Appropriation	1600.00
Expenditure	1600.00
Balance closed to revenue	0.00

PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTIES

Police Chief

Appropriation	825.00
Expenditure	825.00
Balance closed to revenue	0.00

Police Department

Appropriation	15000.00

Encumbered from F1992	1077.75	16077.75
Expenditures		
Salary	7936.50	
Mileage	83.49	
Dues/travel	309.00	
Utilities	697.95	
WMLEC	125.00	
Dispatch agreement	1875.00	
Equipment/supplies	569.13	
Repairs/maintenance	1320.59	12916.66
Balance encumbered to F1994		2969.03
Balance closed to revenue		192.06

Constable

Appropriation	1.00
Balance closed to revenue	1.00

Fire Chief & Forest Warden

Appropriation	825.00
Expenditure	825.00
Balance closed to revenue	0.00

Fire Department

Appropriation		7000.00
Expenditures		
Amherst dispatch	900.00	
Southampton ambulance	3000.00	
Hazardous fund	186.00	
Repairs	1183.86	
EMT training	65.00	
Supplies/equipment	1665.14	7000.00
Balance closed to revenue		0.00

Fire Vaccine

Appropriation		1800.00
Expenditure		1384.60
Balance forward to F1994		415.40

Inspector Salary

Appropriation		3300.00
Expenditures		
Building Inspector	1395.50	
Plumbing Inspector	749.50	
Sanitation Inspector	150.00	
Wiring Inspector	1005.00	3300.00
Balance closed to revenue		0.00

Civil Defense

Appropriation	1.00
Balance closed to revenue	1.00

Dog Officer

Appropriation	1.00
Balance closed to revenue	1.00

Dutch Elm Disease

Appropriation	1.00
Balance closed to revenue	1.00

Hilltown Resource Management Cooperative

Appropriation	3866.00
Assessment	3865.80
Balance closed to revenue	0.20

Board of Health Salary		
Appropriation		900.00
Expenditures		860.00
Balance closed to revenue		40.00
Board of Health		
Appropriation	22000.00	
Encumbered from F1992	1500.00	
Budget reduction	-3000.00	20500.00
Expenditures		
Salary	5554.40	
Landfill contract	6925.00	
Testing	540.00	
Oil removal	302.60	
Tire removal	1686.00	
Recyclable removal	1980.00	
Supplies	30.10	17018.10
Encumbered to F1994		240.00
Balance closed to revenue		3241.90
Landfill Capping		
Balance forward from F1992		10000.00
Balance forward to F1994		10000.00
DEBT & INTEREST		
Interest on Short-term Loans		
Appropriation	2500.00	
Transfer from Reserve	1400.00	3900.00
Interest		3836.25
Balance closed to revenue		63.75
Interest on Long-term Loans		
Appropriation		249115.00

Interest		243615.00
Balance closed to revenue		5500.00
	School Loan	
Appropriation		195000.00
Principle payment		175000.00
Carried forward to F1994		20000.00

UNCLASSIFIED

	Insurance & Bonds	
Appropriation	54500.00	
Budget reduction	-10500.00	44000.00
Appropriation		
Workmen's Comp	6539.00	
Property & Casualty	24562.00	
Public/Police Liaiblity	6207.00	
Fire Disability	2012.00	
Bonds	787.50	40107.50
Encumbered to Fiscal1994		1156.00
Balance closed to revenue		2736.50

	Town Offices	
Appropriation	6000.00	
Transfer from Reserve	600.00	
Transfer from Unemployment	1800.00	8400.00
Expenditures		
Salary	500.00	
Electricity	2795.96	
Telephone	549.18	
Lawns	710.90	
Fuel	697.01	
Water testing	447.00	
Repairs & Improvements	2611.80	

Supplies	83.47	8395.32
Balance closed to revenue		4.68
	Wells	
Balance forward from F1992	2140.68	
Transfer from Stabilization	1500.00	3640.68
Expenditures		
Supplies		595.00
Balance forward to F1994		3045.68
	Council on Aging	
Appropriation		815.00
Expenditures		815.00
Balance closed to revenue		0.00
	Historical	
Appropriation		200.00
Expenditures		
Electricity	161.16	
Lawns	38.00	199.16
Balance closed to revenue		0.84
	County Retirement	
Appropriation		16165.00
Assessment		16165.00
Balance closed to revenue		0.00
	Unemployment	
Appropriation		5400.00
Transfer to:		
Selectmen Expense	450.00	

Town Offices	1800.00	
Medicare	1000.00	3250.00
Balance closed to revenue		2150.00
	Group Insurance	
Appropriation	47000.00	
Budget reduction	-1000.00	46000.00
Expenditures		
Town's share		44088.26
Balance closed to revenue		1911.74
	Medicare	
Appropriation	3000.00	
Transfer from Unemployment	1000.00	4000.00
Expenditure		4000.00
Balance closed to revenue		0.00
	Land Damage	
Appropriation		1.00
Balance closed to revenue		1.00
	Reserve Fund	
Appropriation		2500.00
Transfer to:		
Short-term Interest	1400.00	
Town Offices	600.00	
Conservation	75.00	
Treasurer Expense	300.00	2375.00
Balance closed to revenue		125.00

NON-APPROPRIATION EXPENDITURES

Tax Refunds

Property Tax	23954.89	
Motor Vehicle Excise	1278.51	25233.40
Payroll Deductions		
Health Insurance	15839.52	
Life Insurance	94.48	
State & Federal Taxes	78246.86	
Medicare & Soc. Security	4213.61	
Retirement	61888.31	160282.78
School Revolving Funds & Grants		
School Lunch	17617.20	
Meals Tax	42.62	
Chapter 1	6417.12	
$100/pupil	16100.00	
PRI-93-251	170.00	
Pre-School	38552.67	
Kindergarten	15906.02	94805.63
Special Revenue & Revolving Funds		
Highway		
Chapter 33	94661.00	
Chapter 133	38367.00	
Chapter 15	4408.90	
Arts Lottery	2567.00	
Council on Aging-State	1079.28	
Council on Aging-Federal	651.93	
Town Hall Gifts	354.68	
Cemetery Trust Interest	500.00	
Dog Licenses	496.50	
Sale of Dog	5.00	
Police Revolving	3478.50	
Tax Collector Fees	4198.00	
Deputy Fees	540.73	
Town Clerk Fees	346.10	
Fish & Wildlife Fees	1508.25	153162.87
Loans		
Temporary Loans		750000.00

State & County Assessments		
Hampshire County Tax	3565.00	
Motor Vehicle Bills	7.00	
Air Pollution	260.00	
Energy Grant	373.00	
STRAP Repayment	5000.00	
Pioneer Valley Planning	199.05	9404.05
Court Judgment		50000.00
Total Expenditures		3086918.82
Cash on Hand June 30, 1993		
General	245426.10	
Stabilization	72141.02	
Trust Funds	8260.56	325827.68

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret A. Parsons
Accounting Officer

TOWN OF WESTHAMPTON BALANCE SHEET JUNE 30, 1993

Cash	245426.10
Taxes	
Levy of 1993	
Real Estate	61477.88
Personal Property	2121.70
Levy of 1992	
Real Estate	7377.51
Personal Property	141.78
Chapter 61	328.74
Levy of 1991	
Real Estate	89.70
Personal Property	143.52
Levy of 1990	
Personal Property	99.15
Farm Animal Excise	2158.50
Motor Vehicle Excise	
Levy of 1993	6038.37
Levy of 1992	1033.55
1991	505.10
1990	868.03
1989	656.06
1988	615.32
1987	47.81
Loans Authorized	962.00
Agency	
Medicare	187.93
Due from Stabilization Fund	3045.68
Overlay Reserved for Abatement	
1992	21392.89
Accounts Receivable	
Dog Care & Kill	60.00
Temporary Loans	
Temporary Loan- Revenue	200000.00
Agency	
Health Insurance	1644.36
Life Insurance	50.42
County Retirement	1.58
Grants & Gifts	
DARE	37.39
Council on Aging Federal	303.46
Arts Lottery	1930.86
Arts Lottery-Pass	250.00
Town Water Gift	1500.00
Ins. Reimbursement	8204.00
State Aid to Library	1839.71
Cultural Council	129.00
School Imp. Council	15.43
Revolving Funds	
Tax Collector Fees	140.00
Pre-School	11117.51
Kindergarten	1515.34
School Lunch	356.13
Interest on Trusts	
Street & Wright	197.69
Thayer	935.95
Cemetery	159.75
Receipts Res. for Approp.	
Conservation Commission	1057.70
County Dog Refund	559.25
Revenues Reserved Until Collected	
Motor Vehicle Excise	9764.24
Farm Excise	2158.50

Appropriation Balances			
Snow Removal	20647.93	Loans Authorized & Unissued	962.00
		Overlays Reserved for Abatement	
		1990	99.15
		1991	234.49
		1993	317.38
		Surplus Revenue	85242.33
		Appropriation Balances	
		Assessors Expense	350.00
		Elementary School	905.52
		Fire Vaccine	415.40
		Police Department	2969.03
		Board of Health Exp.	240.00
		Landfill Capping	10000.00
		School Loan	20000.00
		Int. Long Term Debt	5500.00
		Insurance & Bonds	1156.00
		Wells	3045.68
	375365.25		375365.25

BALANCE SHEET - TRUST, INVESTMENT AND DEBT

Trust & Investment Funds

Cash	80401.58	Street & Wright Fund	2400.54
		Thayer Fund	1015.01
		Cemetery	3737.45
		Stabilization	72141.02
		Veterans	1107.56
	80401.58		80401.58

Debt Accounts

Net Funded or Fixed Debt		Serial Loans	
Inside Debt Limit	3230000.00	School	3230000.00
	3230000.00		3230000.00

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

The Registry of Vital Statistics has requested Town Clerks across the nation to delete the recording of names and birthdates of children in an effort to comply with a State law prohibiting the release of information of children less than 4 years of age. In another effort to prevent the abuse of using names and social security numbers of the deceased, the recording of death statistics is also deleted from the Annual Town Report. Vital statistics recorded in Westhampton in 1993 were as follows:

- 8 deaths

- 18 births

- 3 marriages

Total licenses and stamps issued for the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife were 132.

Total single dog licenses issued	-	96
Kennel licenses issued	-	5
		101

Respectfully submitted,

Luanne Clark
Town Clerk

I have examined the accounts of the Town Clerk and find them to be correct.

Evelyn D. Blakesley, Auditor

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

In 1993 the Board of Assessors issued 105 abatements: 35 Real Estate and Personal Property and 70 Motor Vehicle; visited 77 properties undergoing construction or remodeling; recorded 49 property transfers; and approved the placing of five additional parcels under the protection of Chapters 61, 61A and 61B. The Tax Maps were updated in June.

The town value for FY94 is $108,300,868: Real Estate - $85,994,400; Personal Property - $1,932,407; and Exempt - $20,374,061.

The Tax Rate was set in October at $14.78 per $1000.00 of evaluation.

The Board of Assessors meets every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. at the Assessor's Office at the Town Hall. Please feel free to come up or call us at that time.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Nevins, Jr.
Priscilla A. Miller
John F. Shaw, Jr.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS

The Board conducted the following hearings in 1993:

Case # 90
Petition of Reginald Bouchard, 108 Main Road, for a Finding allowing a change of occupancy use to a retail or wholesale business. Petition denied.

Case # 91
Petition of Robert and Pauline Vachon, 72 Pine Island Lake, seeking an Administrative Appeal under Section VII C-1 of the By-laws. Appeal denied.

Petition of Robert and Pauline Vachon, seeking reconsideration of the Board's decision on the Variance, Case # 89. Modification granted.

Case #92
Petition of Rev. Vincent O'Connor, 195 Main Street, Leeds, seeking a Special Permit to construct a garage at #2 Pine Island Lake (pre-existing non-conforming structure.) Petition granted.

Case #93
Petition of David J. Brown, 289 Chesterfield Road, seeking a Variance to build a barn on a pre-existing non-conforming lot. Petition granted.

Case #94
Petition of Bruce and Rosemary Coombs, 33 Manhan Road, Southampton, for a Variance to build a home on a pre-existing non-conforming lot at 21 & 26 South Shore Road, Pine Island Lake. Petition granted.

Respectfully submitted,

John Shaw, Chairman
Marilyn Cervelli, Clerk
Nancy Bouthilette
Peter Ignatovich
Steve Malinowski
Peter Montague
Dan Bishop

REPORT OF THE ANIMAL INSPECTOR

Dairy -	Cows	259
	Heifers	91
	Calves	89
	Bulls	4
	Steers	2
Beef -	Cows	2
	Heifers	2
	Calves	1
	Steers	3
	Bulls	1
Oxen		3
Horses		88
Ponies		7
Goats		12
Sheep		27
Swine		2
Poultry		89
Fowl		101
Miscellaneous		5

All animals were found to be healthy and well cared for. All livestock and pet owners are reminded of the need to keep their animals rabies vaccinations up to date. Vaccinations are our best and cheapest defense against this deadly disease.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard I. Tracy
Animal Inspector

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

During this past year, the Westhampton Board of Health welcomed Phil Dowling of Hathaway Road as a new member. Phil was appointed by the Board of Selectmen to fill a vacancy.

The Board accepts, with regret, member John Sackrey's decision not to run for re-election this year. We would like to thank him for his contribution to the Board over the past three years.

The Board of Health continues to meet on the second and fourth Thursday of each month at 7:30 PM at the Town Hall.

This year has been quite busy with the landfill taking up much of our time. 303 Westhampton households and businesses bought $25.00 disposal permits for the landfill this past year. We appreciate everyone's cooperation and interest in seeing that our recycling effort is one of the most effective in the 11 Hilltowns.

Thanks go to the two men who really run the show at the landfill. This Board would be lost without the responsible and level-headed, week-in and week-out, frontline contribution of Roscoe Hurd and Arnold Holt. Special thanks to these two.

The use of $1 per bag fees at the landfill has continued to be a fairly effective method of equitably charging households for the amount of garbage they dump. Unfortunately, the bags will run out soon and, instead of replacing them with more expensive bags, we will be selling stickers that are to be applied to bags that residents have purchased independently.

As many residents know, the Westhampton

landfill is one of approximately 100, active, unlined landfills in the state. Being an unlined landfill means that we are a higher risk as a potential groundwater polluter. The state would like to see risky landfills, such as ours, closed as soon as possible. The closure process has begun in some respects, with the filing of initial engineering reports necessary to evaluate potential closure methods.

In order to deal with the extra work and responsibility involved with closing the landfill, the Board of Health initiated the formation of a Solid Waste Task Force that has been appointed by the Board of Selectmen. The Task Force will be working on all aspects of the closure, including the engineering, construction, financing, post-closure use and post-closure methods of trash disposal for the town. The Board is very grateful to those who have stepped forward to share their time and energy on this important issue.

Several programs and clinics have been sponsored by the Board in the past year:

- The HRMC organized a paint swap at the landfill.
- Five families were able to participate in the annual hazardous waste collection program that was set up with the other hilltowns and the HRMC.
- A head lice clinic was held once a week for four weeks in June and July in order to help eradicate a head lice problem at the elementary school.

Percolation tests were held as usual in April and May. Eighteen tests were witnessed by the Board.

Ten new septic designs were permitted.

Perc extensions were given to eleven.

Six installers permits were granted.

Six water analysis reports were submitted and approved.

Three general licenses were given.

The Board acted on several complaints:
- Illegally abandoned cars and debris on Southampton Road.
- Illegal dumping on Burt Road.
- Nuisance caused by flies related to manure spreading near Main Road.
- Septic break-out into culvert on Southampton Road.
- Illegal dumping on North Road.

Three cases of chicken pox were reported.

One dog bite reported.

Respectfully submitted,

John H. Sackrey, Chairman
Barbara Fuller
Phil Dowling

REPORT OF THE HILLTOWN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COOPERATIVE

The Hilltown Resource Management Cooperative is a municipal organization made up and funded by the towns of Ashfield, Chesterfield, Cummington, Goshen, Hatfield, Huntington, Middlefield, Plainfield, Westhampton, Williamsburg, and Worthington in Western Massachusetts. These towns joined forces through an intermunicipal agreement in 1989 to deal with their waste management

problems. The HRMC, as part of its charter, is directed to create a comprehensive waste management strategy and implement that strategy on behalf of the eleven member Communities. Education, outreach and technical assistance can be best accomplished when we use the economies of scale to our advantage. The combined efforts of the eleven HRMC member towns, through the HRMC Board members, volunteers and its administrator represent the type of effort we need to do just that. To this end, the HRMC has dedicated 1/2 of its budget to education and outreach effort during this year and the remainder of its budget to other HRMC programs and working with local boards in a technical assistance role. The HRMC has also been awarded over $12000 in Federal and State grant money over the past year to further assist us in our education, outreach and technical assistance efforts.

The regional nature of the HRMC is its greatest asset to the communities it serves. The four main goals of the HRMC are:

1. To assist the towns in monitoring and controlling waste disposal and recycling costs.
2. Keep abreast of changing state and federal regulations on behalf of local boards which manage the towns' waste disposal and recycling programs through the efforts of dedicated volunteers.
3. Perform aggressive and proactive education and outreach programs through he schools, town meetings, and other local groups to keep the public informed about waste management and recycling issues.
4. Advocate on behalf of the towns concerning waste management and recycling related issues whenever it is appropriate.

Keeping costs under control during these times of tight budgets is an extraordinary challenge: the HRMC realizes that waste prevention through education, outreach and technical assistance is the

most effective cost prevention strategy at the local level.

We each are responsible for over 2000 lbs. of trash and recyclables each year. On average, waste disposal and management costs are the fourth largest expense a town faces. It is a primary goal of the HRMC to continue to assist the member towns with controlling and reducing waste management costs over the coming year. Educating residents about how to properly handle all portions of the waste stream (solid waste, recyclables, source reduction, HHW, demolition debris, bulk metals, etc.) is the single most important function of the HRMC. For example, we need to show residents that, not only is it good to put their bottles, cans, paper and cardboard in the recycling bin, but that it is also good to buy recycled products. There are now many common household products made from recycled materials. It is up to each of us to purchase them as often as possible, this is how we can help develop the long term market stability needed to make recycling work.

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) is another example of how we need to educate residents. HHW is present in all aspects of our daily lives when we clean our homes, paint or stain, drive our cars, use any form of cleaning or solvent and even when using body care products. However, we use such small amounts of these materials on a daily or weekly basis that we do not realize we are exposing ourselves to small amounts of toxins. It cost over $100 per household to hold a collection day and to date we have only been able to reach a limited number of households through our HHW collection and education programs. A misconception most residents have about HHW is, since they can easily purchase these products, then they must be well tested and do not pose a threat to us in our home environment. In a rural region like ours, when you pour toxics down the drain, toxics wind up in your own backyard

septic system. We know residents want information which will help them to purchase alternative "environmentally safer" products. The HRMC will be providing that information to all area residents who request it over the coming year.

It is my pleasure to serve as administrator of the HRMC for this valuable regional effort and I look forward to the upcoming year with great promise and expectation. If you have any questions, feel free to call the HRMC at 268-3845. This is your cooperative effort, together we can make it work.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Weiss, Administrator

REPORT OF THE CEMETERY CARETAKER

1993 began with the usual spring cleanup. This year I cut the brush back along the chainlink fence. The arrival of spring brought about the normal mowing and trimming which is the bulk of my job.

The Cemetery Commission approved the purchase of a push 2 cycle lawn mower which has been very helpful this past season. I had to have the mower deck replaced late this year on the tractor. An additional water tank was installed this year. Some grading work was done along the northern border by Steve Holt. We will be working on producing a nice grass border at that end of the cemetery. Late in the season I had L & S Memorials break down one of the large monuments which was on the verge of falling over. This upcoming spring. a foundation will be poured and the monument will be reset.

This year there were:

6 burials
2 cremations
2 new lots
3 foundations

Respectfully submitted,

Edward C. Fisher
Cemetery Caretaker

REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Westhampton Conservation Commission continues to provide protection for Westhampton's wetlands by administering the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act. Additionally, the Commission continues its efforts to make compliance with state regulations easier for our citizens by refining administrative procedures.

In this past year site visits were made to 11 properties to determine applicability of wetlands protection regulations. Three forest cutting plans were also reviewed.

Massachusetts enacted a revised Wetlands Protection Act, D.E.P. Amnesty Program, and a Small Projects Act. They were reviewed and implemented by the Commission. Nine new Massachusetts Conservation Commission forms were received and implemented.

Several new procedures were implemented to benefit the town. These included implementing an alerting form to more quickly notify those taking building permits of the need for Conservation Commission review of potential wetlands. An additional alerting form is being developed for

use by the Board of Health when witnessing percolation tests. These devices should avoid unnecessary delays in proceeding with building projects. Determination of Applicability forms are now left at the town library to improve their accessibility to the townspeople.

This report is submitted by the Westhampton Conservation Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert La Palme, Chairman
Larry Cervelli
Phoebe Mitchell
Amy Phinney
Roy Van Driesche

REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

In 1993 the Police Department continued to provide the residents of Westhampton with professional and expedient service. The continued presence of cruiser patrols has shown a proven effect on property crimes and accidents, as well as other areas. The Police Department continued to support the DARE program, in its fourth year, as well as other safety programs in the Elementary School. All Officers attended mandatory refresher training as well as monthly Association meetings.

Gun permit applications are taken on the 2nd Wednesday of each month between 6:00pm and 7:00pm at the Police office.

I wish to thank the Police Officers for their unselfish dedication to the town and to the department. We will continue to serve the town to the best of our ability.

Police response calls for 1993:

Accidents	19	Vandalism	24
Fire/Ambulance assists	9	Missing Person	6
Arrests	13	Annoying calls	17
Assistance	17	Susp.car/person	51
Housebreaks	10	Trespass	12
Larceny	18	Other	37
Burglar Alarms	92	Summons	26
Stolen Car/Plate	2	Warrants	1
Animals Calls	34	Assault & Battery	4
Domestic violence	35	Suicide attempt	1
Drug Related	5	Information calls	208

Monies turned into Treasurer:

Court fines	$2197.50
Gun permits	698.00
Insurance reports	40.00

Respectfully submitted,

David T. Huntley
Chief of Police

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

In 1993 we responded to 50 different calls which are itemized at the end of this report. The E.M.S. group also responded also responded to 50 calls and their report also follows.

There were some serious incidents which could have become major fires had they not been handled quickly and properly by the fire department and by the property owners. In June, there was an overturned oil delivery truck which required mutual aid and an extensive clean-up operation to comply with all the environmental requirements.

The Enhanced-911 reporting system continues to make progress, with some delays, and, at this point, a June 1st start-up is anticipated. Before this system becomes operational, there will be a public education and awareness program carried out so, hopefully, everyone will understand. I urge you all to follow these activities closely.

Our department accepted the resignation of Daniel Webster Jr. when he moved out of town and voted into membership Charles Burgess. All of our personnel continue to devote a lot of their time and energy to the department. Thanks to all.

We are faced with a problem which you will be asked to discuss at Annual Town Meeting. Our tank truck is old and needs to be replaced. If we are going to get another tanker we should have a larger one more able to supply current needs. If we get a 3000 gallon tank, which we feel is the right size, it will never fit into the present fire station. The need is there. The solution is possible, but will require funding. Come to annual meeting so we can discuss it.

Total fire Department calls for 1993:

Structure fires	4
Chimney fires	2
Brush, gas or rubbish	10
Vehicle fire or accidents	4
In-service investigations	12
First Responder or rescue	12
Mutual Aid	2
Other	4
E.M.T. ambulance calls	50

Respectfully submitted,

Richard W. Tracy
Fire Chief

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES REPORT

The current members of the Westhampton Emergency Medical Services are: Lee Douchkoff, Bob Miller, Dave Keefe, Ned Huntley, Breda Huntley, and Debra Morin. Dan Webster and Hope Houle resigned because they moved out of town. Debbie joined us this January.

The EMT's responded to 46 of the 50 ambulance calls in Westhampton this year. The other 4 calls were handled by the fire department First Responders. The number of emergencies seems to be increasing from year to year which could be accounted for by the fact that there are more people living in Westhampton and/or that people are becoming more inclined to call for the ambulance.

Lee, Bob, Ned and Breda have completed their requirements for annual recertification in the use of the defibrillator. The state Office of Emergency Medical Services has expanded the use of defibrillation to those professional trained as first responders (i.e. firemen and policemen). Chief Tracy has taken the course and is now also certified in the use of the defibrillator.

The EMT's continue to offer monthly CPR courses. This has been a very successful program and is the primary source of funds used by the EMT's for supplies etc. This past calendar year, 92 people were certified or recertified in CPR. As always, we encourage everyone to become CPR certified. The life you save will probably be someone you love.

Westhampton E.M.S.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

This report is basically just a continuation of last year's saga. We left you with the hope that the legislature would appropriate our Chapter 90 money from the gas tax which you had already paid in. Also, we were expecting to construct another section of Stage Road with the second half of our Chapter 33 Transportation Bond money.

Well, guess what? The legislature did not appropriate the Chapter 90 money. Why, I'll never understand. That fund ended with the fiscal year with a balance of 300 million dollars in it and to fund the chapter 90 monies for every municipality in the state would have only required 38 million dollars. However, without the Chapter 90 money and with the reduced amount from the town, we were forced to use the bonded funds to do maintenance work on Northwest Road, Reservoir Road and Southampton Road. This is a shame to use long term money for less than long term projects, but we had no choice.

The good news is that we did complete the Perry Hill Road/ Kings Highway intersection which is a substantial improvement. Soon, very few will remember how it looked before the changes. We also improved Edwards Road from Laurel Hill to the Southampton Town Line. New houses are being built there, and it was necessary to make it passable for winter and summer.

Another project which took a considerable amount of our time was installing the new water system for the public buildings. With the Hampshire Regional School as the source, we ran water service to the Highway & Fire Department building, the church, the Town Hall and the Library.

Regular maintenance and repair was done on all the

other roads as well as on all the equipment.

The winter of 1992/1993 definitely ended the string of open winters which we have experienced. We had close to 100 inches of snow and, as I write this, we have about the same amount again in 1993/94.

There is still a lot of building pressure on some of the most outlying roads so we know we will be doing a lot of work there in the foreseeable future. Also, obviously, the Stage Road project needs to be finished. It has been interrupted too many times. If we ever get back to a predictable flow of funding, we should begin the engineering and layout and design for South Road.

As far as the equipment goes, we continue to maintain it as best we can, but again I must urge that we maintain a replacement program, as we are really starting to push our problems on top of each other. This year we still need to replace our backhoe, plus we have a 1981 snow plow which is just worn out, plus the Fire Department needs to replace a truck. It will only get worse if we don't keep up with it.

We are fortunate to have good employees in David Blakesley and Jim Omasta and I thank them for their faithfulness and dedication.

Sincerely,

Richard W. Tracy
Highway Superintendent

REPORT OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR

I hereby submit my report from January 1, 1993 to December 30, 1993.

Permits issued	82
New homes	8
Decks	10
Wood stoves & chimney	8
Porches	4
Sheds	8
Pole barns	5
Greenhouse	2
Basement room	4
Additions,siding, re-roofing	4
Renovations	18
Garages	7
Fire renovation	1
Demolish permits	4

Respectfully submitted,

Myron Pietraszkiewicz
Building Inspector

REPORT OF THE PLUMBING INSPECTOR

During the year of 1993, the Plumbing Inspector's office received applications for 35 plumbing inspections. Fees collected for these inspections totalled $1215.

Fourteen requests were received for gas piping inspections. Gas inspection fees totalled $220.

Two changes were made in 1993 that will be of interest to town residents.

1. Inspection rates and fees have been changed

From:	To:
$12 per inspection	$15 per inspection
$4 per fixture	$5 per fixture

2. New mailing address and telephone number:
Brian E. Pichette
78 Spruce Hill Avenue
Northampton MA 01060

(413) 586-8415

Respectfully submitted,

Brian E. Pichette
Plumbing & Gas Piping Inspector

REPORT OF THE SANITATION INSPECTOR

There were nine septic systems inspected this year.

Respectfully submitted,

Stillman G. Brooks
Sanitation Inspector

REPORT OF THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The Westhampton Historical Commission is pleased to announce a new member, Ann Braastad, who joined the Commission this summer.

The Blacksmith Shop Museum was open to the public on Sunday afternoons from 2:00 to 4:00 P.M. from Memorial Day to Columbus Day. It was voted to extend the season to include these holiday weekends.

The Museum was pleased to receive, as a donation from the Southampton Historical Society, a sampler from the 1800's stitched by a Westhamptonite. The sampler is on display at the Blacksmith Shop.

We had a busy season at the Blacksmith Shop, rearranging items and cataloging new items. Special attention was focused on the care and preservation of the town's documents and antique clothing. The commission thanks everyone who donated items that are on display at the museum. Some Hilltown Community Center items were moved from the Library and are now on display at the Museum. Also, discussion on revitalizing the Friends of the Blacksmith Shop was the subject of several meetings and we hope to continue the effort this season. Membership information will be available at the museum this summer.

The Commission wishes to extend thanks to everyone in the community and beyond for the support to the Museum and the ongoing preservation of the history of Westhampton.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Jurkowski, Secretary

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL ON AGING

1993 has proved to be another very busy and productive year for the Council on Aging. Officers elected in June were Margaret Kelley, Chairman; Louise Marchand, vice-chairman; Eleanor Miller, recording secretary; Lydia Omasta corresponding secretary; and Olga Hathaway, Treasurer. Remaining board members are Edward Montague and Mervyn Morse.

Monthly luncheon meetings were held at the church

from September through June, with an average attendance of approximately 35. The luncheons were followed by entertaining or informative programs, including music, slides and information on estate planning and warnings about misleading advertising. A nurse was on hand each month to take blood pressures, and cards were signed to be sent to all town elders celebrating birthdays that month.

The COA has been involved in intergenerational and town events. Our annual luncheon with the 4th graders was held in May. Twenty-five or thirty of us attended the annual Christmas concert at Hampshire Regional High School in December. We sponsored a concert by the "Radio Swing Orchestra" for all townspeople following the annual chicken barbecue in June.

Three issues of the COA newsletter were mailed to every senior citizen in town. These include news of COA activities and current information on subjects of concern to elders. The June issue was a special one, including a memory book of photos taken at the May luncheon. In addition to the copies mailed to the seniors, each 4th grade student was given a bound copy as a memento of the occasion.

We have continued our contract with the Franklin Regional Transit Authority to fund the transportation of elders on an individual "as needed" basis. The program is working well, using paid volunteer drivers. It needed, a wheelchair van can be arranged.

New this year is our participation in the brown bag program, which delivers foods once a month to qualifying senior citizens.

We participated until October in he Hilltown Elder Network, which provided free help with light housework, yardwork and other chores for up to 12 town seniors. Unfortunately, in October, the grant money

for this program ran out, and was not renewed. Highland Valley Elder Services is currently seeking other avenues for funding, in the hopes that this valuable service can be reinstated.

Likewise, funds were not renewed for a home repair program, sponsored until this fall by the consortium of hilltown COA's, and funded for the most part by the foodsale at the Cummington Fair. We are now considering raising enough money with the help of our "Friends" account to fund our own repair services.

The annual flu clinic was held on October 19, with 90 immunizations given. Blood pressures were taken, and for the second year, a free hearing clinic was conducted by Dr. David Frandken, audiologist.

Several senior citizens took advantage of the opportunity to walk in the Hampshire Regional High School during the cold and inclement weather. Last spring we were given permission to use the gym and the library at the Westhampton Elementary School for exercise classes, beginning line dancing and a social hour once a week.

Three successful fund raising events were held this year. Money earned was used for two very enjoyable bus trips for seniors. The first, in June, was to Mystic Aquarium in Conn., and the second, in October, was a bus trip/boat ride to Northfield Mountain.

We wish to thank both the Hampshire Regional High School and the Westhampton Elementary School for permission to use their facilities. We also want to express our gratitude to the town officials, the many volunteers and community members who have helped to make our programs possible.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Kelley, Chairman

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

As of January 1, 1993 the Finance Committee was made up of:

Peter Ignatovich	1994
Margaret Parsons	1994
Janice Tracy, Chairman	1994
Roy Van Driesche	1994
Bradford Morse, Secretary	1995
Benjamin Coggins	1995
Laura Blakesley	1996
Owen Bowman	1996
David Brown	1996
Lydia Omasta	1996

Mark Thornhill replaced Benjamin Coggins at the June election and the FinCom again elected Janice Tracy as Chairman and Lydia Omasta became Secretary.

The following Reserve Fund transfers were made in Fiscal 1993:

Short-term Interest	1400.00
Town Offices	600.00
Conservation	75.00
Treasurer Expense	300.00
Total	2375.00

The Finance Committee was especially challenged this year in trying to deal with the new Education Reform law. Education Reform mandates the minimum contribution each town must make to its schools and also provides additional state aid to help offset the increased Education Reform spending, as well as having many non-financial aspects intended to improve our schools. Information was very slow in coming from the State and the budget was not finally balanced until September. Westhampton requested, and

was granted, a waiver from the full required contribution due to decrease in revenues as a result of our free cash deficit.

Another problem for the Fiscal 1994 budget was the Snow Removal and Overlay deficits from Fiscal 1993. After much discussion, the FinCom voted to ask the town for overrides for these two items because these were prior year obligations which were underfunded. The Fincom felt it would be difficult to absorb these deficits into the Fiscal 1994 budget and implement the higher education spending, without causing extreme cuts in the town-side of the budget. We are very appreciative of the town's support in passing these two overrides. Unfortunately, for the second year in a row, we used a substantial amount of money from the Stabilization Fund to fund our operating budget. We have reduced this "savings account" by half in two years. Obviously, if this trend continues, this reserve will soon disappear.

As we enter the Fiscal 1995 budget cycle, we are hopeful that the State will increase its support of town budgets to a level which will allow us to fund our town needs appropriately.

Janice Tracy, Chairman
Lydia Omasta, Secretary
Owen Bowman
Peter Ignatovich
Margaret Parsons
David J. Brown
Mark Thornhill
Roy Van Driesche
Laura Blakesley
Bradford Morse

REPORT OF THE WESTHAMPTON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

During 1993, the Westhampton Memorial Library was open 146 days. 14,913 books, magazines, audiotapes and videotapes were borrowed, an increase of 10% over 1992. Children's materials continue to account for over half of the circulation. The adult audiotape circulation has doubled, reflecting an increasing number of those enjoying books on tape. 65 new cards were issued.

With the continued financial support from the town, the library has remained qualified for membership in the Western Massachusetts Regional Library System (WMRLS) and town residents have remained eligible for borrowing privileges at other libraries in the Commonwealth. WMRLS has continued to provide bimonthly bookmobile visits (providing us with books, large print materials, videotapes, and books on tape), toll-free telephone reference service to Springfield City Library, interlibrary loans (216 this year), delivery service, and professional advice. Workshops and classes designed to help us improve our library services are also provided. The director completed a course in library reference services that is required for our library's continued certification.

Preschool Story Hour, led by Betsy Koziol, Children's Librarian, has been increasingly popular on a weekday morning,

Preschool Story Hour continued on a weekday morning, providing an opportunity for the very young to become familiar with the library and be read to by another adult, and be in the company of other children. It is hoped that these young folks will continue to have a favorable relationship with libraries and books as they grow.

Wednesday mornings in July and August were busy as an average of 35 children attended the Summer Reading Program of reading aloud and crafts each week. Storyteller Tom McCabe entertained a group of 53 children and adults (this was funded by the Friends of the Library and the Massachusetts and Westhampton Arts Councils). 67 children completed the requirements for the program and received certificates after being entertained by Lee Douchkoff at the Shipwreck Party. WMRLS provided bookmarks, posters, reading logs, program ideas, and films. Friends of the Library once again funded assorted supplies.

We continue to offer the Westhampton Elementary School our services by filling a bookcase in that library, filling requests from teachers for books and videotapes and providing the school an access to interlibrary loan. 909 items were loaned to the school for this use. Students of all ages visit us to do homework, reports and projects.

During the summer, the library was connected to the Hampshire Regional High School water system, by way of the town hall. In direct response to a library break-in that occurred in the spring, a security/fire alarm system was installed in the library in August.

We thank our friends for volunteering their time and resources - we couldn't function without you. We hope to see more of you in 1994 and will continue to welcome suggestions and comments from all.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Keating, Director

LIBRARY TREASURER'S REPORT

July 1, 1992 through June 30, 1993

TOWN ACCOUNT

Income July 1,1992 - June 30, 1993		
Town Appropriation	11036.83	
Dog Refund	233.17	
Voted-Town Appropriation	11270.00	
LIG	1250.00	
MEG	620.22	
Additional MEG	89.19	
	1959.41	
Total Library Budget	13229.41	
Expenditures July 1, 1992- June 30 ,1993		
Books	2664.79	
Magazines	342.45	
Supplies	175.49	
Director	6776.88	
Children's Librarian	1600.50	
Sub Librarian	210.38	
Fuel	88.30	
Telephone	117.09	
Electric	455.31	
Maintenance	731.90	
Dues/Meetings	34.31	
Repairs	32.00	
Total Expenditures	13229.41	

Westhampton Memorial Library 1992-1993

Trustee's Account

Balance June 30, 1992	
Easthampton Savings 01-21-5326	6119.81
Easthampton Savings Term Certificate	10878.79
Florence NOW Account	487.14
Florence Savings - special acct.	660.76
Worm Money Market	6855.12
H.P. Miller Money Market	8395.20
Balance July 1, 1992	33396.82

Income - per cash book July 1, 1992 - June 30, 1993	
Copy Machine	81.50
Video Account	90.08
Misc gifts-books	13.50
Rotary	300.00
Dr. R.Caldwell	35.00
H.P. Miller Estate	25.00
Magazine Gift	25.00
Combustion Engineering	108.00
Income	4002.54
Interest	
H. P. Miller Account	336.04
Florence NOW Account	20.09
Florence Special Account	20.15
Easthampton Term Cert.	374.16
Easthampton Money Market	169.15
Worm-Money Market Acct.	216.05
Interest	1138.63
Total Income-Balance forward	33396.82
Income	4002.54
Interest	1138.63
	38537.99
Expenditures	
Magazines	75.91
Books	784.81
Supplies	263.92
Video	227.79
Maintenance	290.27
Summer Program	-
Meetings/Dues	42.20
Repairs	209.90
Telephone	117.92
Electric	242.07
Fuel	233.13
Misc. Gifts	210.00
Total Expenditures	2697.92
Balance June 30, 1993	35840.07

Cash Book Balance June 30, 1993	
Easthampton Savings Cert.	10165.37
Easthampton Sav. Money Mkt.	4876.54
Florence Savings NOW	965.39
Florence Savings Special acct.	680.91
Worm - Money Market	7071.17
H. P. Miller Money Market	12080.69
Balance Cash Book	35840.07

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Special Memorial - Adah Green etc.	
Balance in Florence account	407.22
Interest July 1 thru June 30	12.40
Balance June 30, 1991	419.62

We received an additional $4,349.46 from the H. P. Miller Estate and several miscellaneous gifts.

Our funds were budgeted too close for our necessary operations. The Trustees voted to cover the telephone, electric, fuel, lawn care, supplies and magazines from the Trustees account, starting in January 1993. This is a problem we will probably see each year until the recession leaves us.

The most difficult experience was the "Break In" in April. Cash and the Sterling Silver Ingots were taken. Expenses were $209.90 for, glass and repairs, plus the volunteers that did the cleaning. A thank you to the volunteers for cleaning and repairing.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy M. Miller
Treasurer

REPORT OF THE WESTHAMPTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The School Committee officers for 1993 are as follows:

Thomas M. Cleary - Chairman, Administrative Advisory, H.E.C.

Robert Fleischner - Vice Chairman, Regional Representative

Michele Nevins - Secretary, H.M.A.C. Representative

In June 1993, the Education Reform Act was passed in Massachusetts and School Committees across the Commonwealth are all struggling to determine exactly what this will mean for their school and what changes will have to be made. While some aspects of this new law are still not clear, the Administration has worked hard to keep this Committee informed and up-to-date. As required by Education Reform, a School Council was established in November consisting of one administrator, two teachers, three parents and one community member. The members of the Council are: Donald MacLeod, Priscilla Miller, Helene Pajak, Jai Prickett, Martha Lees, Tom Jenkins and Brad Morse, respectively.

At the Public Hearing in March, the Committee adopted a budget for FY94 of $540,000.00 with a vocational budget of $89,093.00. After a Finance Committee recommendation for level funding, Town Meeting in May voted a budget of $474,600.00 and the Committee was once again faced with making difficult budget cuts. As in the past, the children were foremost in our minds while we tried to make cuts in areas that would not adversely affect the education this town provides for its children. We were pleased to be able to continue to provide funding for the art and music programs. As part of Education Reform, schools now have minimum contribution and net school spending requirements. After a request from the Board of Selectmen in September, Westhampton was granted a reduction of $24,925.00 for FY94.

Much of 1993 was spent in Executive Session negotiating a contract with the Westhampton Teacher's Association. In compliance with Education Reform, Diane Kwolek, representing the Board of Selectmen, was present during negotiations. At a special meeting on November 4, 1993 this Committee ratified a two year contract with the WTA, effective September 1, 1993 through August 31, 1995.

There were many staff changes during the year. Second grade teacher, Jill Lester, was granted an unpaid leave for one year to pursue her doctorate. Jan Skoglund was hired to teach second grade from September 1993-June 1994. Also hired were: Sharon Lepine, preschool teacher; Donna Brown, school nurse; Holly Vassar, kindergarten aide for SPED support; Jennifer West Thomas, kindergarten aide; Irene Rule, physical therapist; Leslie Mish, occupational therapist; Susan Carlson, preschool speech therapist; Pauline Webster, preschool assistant teacher. Holly Vassar resigned in November and preschool teacher Joan Wickman requested maternity leave from the end of December until June 1994.

In other business, this Committee officially "accepted" the Westhampton Elementary School when the School Building Committee disbanded in February 1993. Policies were adopted for volunteers at the school and for use of the building. The school continues to be a meeting place for young and old alike. We are pleased to announce that our kindergarten and preschool are now fully accredited. Thank you, Julie Culhane!

We would also like to thank Sally Lawton, who every year teaches our fourth graders Esperanto, and the many other parent and community volunteers who spend time in the school doing a multitude of things, including keeping our library up and running. Thanks also to our dedicated staff of teachers and administrators for their commitment to quality education.

The Westhampton School Committee meets on the third Tuesday of every month, at 7:30 at the elementary school. We welcome parents and/or community members with questions, suggestions or concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas M. Cleary
Robert Fleischner
Michele Nevins

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

The passage of the Educational Reform Act on June 18, 1993 marked a historic turning point for public education in Massachusetts. The law established a set of bold new innovative education initiatives designed to move Massachusetts to the forefront of education reform in the nation.

The Department of Education and the Executive Office of Education have taken an active role in the implementation of the Reform Act. They have established five strategic goals for implementation.

Strategic Goal I: Establish new standards and programs for students that assure high achievement.

Strategic Goal II: Administer a fair and equitable system of school finance.

Strategic Goal III: Work with school districts to create a governance structure that encourages innovation and accountability.

Strategic Goal IV: Enhance the quality and accountability of all educational personnel.

Strategic Goal V: Improve the Department of Education's capacity and effectiveness in implementing Education Reform.

Our school system continues to be actively engaged in all of the goal areas. Staff, students and community members share in discussions through their participation on state and local committees or councils, open forums, and state meetings.

The Reform Act provides new and expanded opportunities and responsibilities for everyone concerned with the future of our children. We look forward to this collaboration as we provide both the vision and resources for the systemic reform of education in the State.

Richard Dragon
Superintendent

GRADE	1991	1992	1993
Pre School	8	12	2
Kindergarten	24	21	26
Grade 1	25	23	22
Grade 2	19	26	23
Grade 3	22	17	26
Grade 4	18	22	17
Grade 5	17	20	24
Grade 6	21	15	21
TOTAL FOR WESTHAMPTON SCHOOLS	154	156	161
VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS	13+1	12	10
HAMPSHIRE REGIONAL	109	105	99
TOTAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS	276	273	270

Personnel newly employed during 1993 include:

Susan Carlson	Speech/Language Pathologist
Sharon Lepine	Preschool Teacher
Jan Skoglund	Teacher
Jennifer Thomas	Kindergarten Aide
Holly Vassar	SPED Aide
Pauline Webster	Preschool/Assistant Teacher

Personnel who left the employ of the District in 1993 include:

Jill Lester	Leave of absence (93-94)
Holly Vassar	SPED Aide
Joan Wickman	Maternity Leave (12/93-6/94)

WESTHAMPTON FINANCIAL STATEMENT
July 1, 1992 -June 30, 1993

Elementary Appropriations	$474,600.00
91-92 Encumbrances	5,567.64
	$480,167.64
Expended Elementary Appropriations	$473,136.22
Expended 91-92 Encumbrances	5,567.64
92-93 Encumbrances	905.52
	$479,609.38
Balance	$ 558.26

CHAPTER I

Opening balance	-303.88
Receipts	6,721.00
	6,417.12
Expenditures	6,417.12
Balance	-0-

$100 PER PUPIL PROGRAM

Received	16,100.00
Expenditures	16,100.00
Balance	-0-

VOCATIONAL

Vocational Appropriations		113,850.00
Reduced 9/23/92 Special Town Meeting		11,430.00
		102,420.00
Expended Transportation	14,256.00	
Expended Tuition	78,262.05	
Total Expenditures		92,518.05
Balance		9,901.95

EXPENDITURES
Administration

Professional Salaries	$14,935.20	
Clerical Salaries	7,772.88	
Insurance	576.54	
H.E.C.	630.00	
		23,914.62

Special Education

Professional Salaries	$ 5,270.98	
Clerical Salaries	1,924.78	
Teachers' Salaries	45,264.18	
Aides	7,289.87	
Textbooks	218.47	
Evaluations	9,950.86	
Transportation	3,741.60	
Tuition	13,145.00	
		$86,805.74

Instruction

Salaries	$271,029.57	
Classroom Supplies	6,104.89	
Textbooks	3,508.71	$280,643.17

Other Expenses

Audio Visual Aids	$ 383.45	
Health Services	4,596.94	
Transportation	34,446.60	
Cafeteria	6,956.85	
Professional Development	2,698.81	
Other Expense	706.80	$49,789.45

Maintenance

Salaries	$ 7,705.35	
Supplies	966.43	
Fuel	4,903.12	
Utilities	9,140.60	
Maintenance	9,013.94	
Maintenance of Equipment	253.80	$ 31,983.24
		$473,136.22
92-93 Encumbrances		905.52
Total Elementary Expenditures		$474,041.74

HAMPSHIRE REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT

The year 1993 started with a request from the Student Council that the School Committee review policies on sex education and sexually transmitted diseases and establish a policy on the distribution of condoms. The School Committee did review thoroughly the school's health curriculum, and voted to continue its development so that students can be better informed and better able to make decisions about their own lives. A student survey was used to understand how our students presently behave in relation to many different areas of health, including sexual issues. In June, the School Committee voted not to make condoms available to students at HRHS.

The faculty is reviewing methods of student assessment, both those now used at the school and new methods being developed around the country. This is the beginning of a two year study which may provide a broader and more comprehensive means to assess student work. Until this study is completed, weighted grades for honors courses in 9th and 10th grades have been reestablished, so that now all honors courses 9 - 12 again have weighted grades. This policy will be reviewed no later than June of 1995, when the faculty report on assessment will be available.

The School Committee voted a budget which increased by $511,628. After all the town meetings and new state money, the budget actually increased by $125,776. After several years of very stable student numbers, the student population has grown by 40, and we expect 190 more students in the next five years. During those years of stability, we were forced to reduce staff by fifteen people between 1989 and 1993. The School Committee voted this year to support new staff for the needs of the school's growing student numbers at the cost of any other expenditure in the school. Even with the larger faculty, class sizes are still excessive, and

the material needs of the school are not being met sufficiently. Future budgets will have to reflect staff increases as well as money to provide textbooks, materials, workbooks, equipment and supplies.

In June, the state passed the Education Reform Act of 1993, which many expected to provide enough state money to run our schools. This is not the case. The purpose of the reform bill is to provide an equitable distribution of money per child, across the state. The sum is seen as the absolute minimum which could provide a minimal education. The state expects communities to provide generously for their children, and sets the lowest figure which the community must appropriate. The new bill is based on the property tax as a means of assessing ability to pay. As we all know, in small rural communities the property tax does not engender sufficient funds to support our school at the level many of us expect.

The Education Reform Act is a wide ranging law that attempts to make major changes in every areas of education. One new requirement is the development of the Advisory Council for each school building. These Councils have been formed, by law, within forty days of the passage of the law, and are made up of parents, teachers, community members who do not have students in the school, and, at the high school level, of students in the school. The job of the Council is to advise the principal on a wide range of issues on which input is requested. The final decision on policy matters pertaining to schools lies with the School Committee, but the Advisory Council now allows for further input as issues are considered for recommendation to the School Committees.

The importance of education never diminishes. Every baby born deserves the opportunity to become a competent member of our society. As the complexity of the world increases, the demands of education must increase also. Our communities have done the best they can to meet

these demands, and we thank you. As long as there are children to educate, the demands and the discussions must never stop.

Respectfully submitted,

Hampshire Regional School Committee

The student enrollment figures for the District recorded as of October 1, 1993 were as follows:

Grade	Chest	Gosh	South	West	Will	Total
7	21	14	73	16	35	159
8	11	11	68	23	29	142
9	15	6	57	21	11	110
10	10	3	62	12	25	112
11	8	7	40	18	29	102
12	7	3	44	9	9	72
HRHS	72	44	344	99	138	697

The following assessment percentages are listed for several years in order to illustrate the shifting of student population:

	1989-90	1990-91	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95
Chest	12.221%	12.214%	11.539%	10.802	10.429	10.395
Gosh	7.004	6.260	6.769	6.327	6.442	6.397
South	45.604	45.733	44.615	47.531	47.929	48.426
West	16.393	15.878	15.231	16.821	16.411	15.642
Will	18.778	20.195	21.846	18.519	18.788	19.140

Personnel newly employed during 1993 include:

Tonya Aitken	SPED teacher
Ann Braastad	Cafeteria Worker
Janice Doppler	Health Coordinator
Linda Dugas	Nurse
Leslie Giordano	Psychologist/Counselor

Joseph Guerin	SPED Aide
Michele Higgins	Foreign language teacher
Deanna Larsen	Secretary (Principal's Office)
Kimberly Lech	English/Social Studies teacher
James Liptak	Math/Science teacher
Sharon Lumbis	Accounts Payable/Payroll (Supt's. Office)

Personnel who left the employ of the District in 1993 include:

Claire Bertrand	Teacher
Ann Graves	Secretary (Principal's Office)
Marilyn Ingellis	Personnel Clerk (Supt's. Office)
Maureen Krok	SPED aide
Ruth Loomis	Cafeteria worker
Kathleen Swiderski	Nurse (1 year leave of absence)
John Warren	Head Custodian

Based upon enrollment data recorded as of each October 1st, the six (6) cooperating school systems share the costs of employing a common superintendent of schools and a common central administrative office and staff. The following statistics show how the responsibility for these costs has varied over a three(3) year period:

	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95
Chesterfield/ Goshen K-6	13.4	13.4	12.5
Southampton K-6	27.1	26.8	26.9
Westhampton K-6	9.3	9.1	9.5
Williamsburg K-6	14.2	12.8	12.5
HRHS 7-12	36.0	37.9	38.7
	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%

TREASURER'S REPORT
HAMPSHIRE REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1993

I
BALANCE SHEET

Assets		Liabilities		
Cash	$118514.52	Blue Cross Insurance		$5429.68
Administrative-payroll	5135.05	Med. West Plan		72.44
Southampton Deferral	42745.00	Life Insurance		105.21
Westhampton Deferral	14592.00	PPO		1215.60
Williamsburg Deferral	20931.00	Kaiser		469.20
		HMO Blue		1294.27
		Mutual-Omaha		855.20
		Surplus Revenue-E&D		55027.38
		SSAP Grant	140	559.38
		DDE Title II	184	25.00
		PL94-142 93	187	10378.99
		HR Summer	188	265.81
		Gov. All	183	26.42
		Chap 2	181	334.00
		HPP Pre Sch	190	1490.62
		Early Child II	191	7977.15
		Ed. Adap.	192	2596.21
		Palms	195	2600.00
		Roof Proj.		233.89
		Field Trip		300.00
		Cafeteria		10865.54
		L & D Texts		787.83
		Prof Development		190.00
		Athletic Fund		2331.42
		Academic Fund		329.30
		Energy Mgmt.Fund		10093.81
		2000 Instruction-923		73813.34
		3000 Other Services		3597.88
		4000 Maint 923		8652.00
	$201917.57			$209917.57

II

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS & EXPENDITURES

Account	Budgeted 7/1/92-6/30/93	Expended 7/1/92-6/30/93	Encumbered Payroll & Bills	Balance 6/30/93
Administration	136839.00	148138.79		(11299.79)
Instruction	2446998.00	2426710.39	73813.34	(53525.73)
Other School Services	364116.00	365952.98	3597.88	(5434.86)
Operation of Plant	288301.00	315766.92	8652.00	(36117.92)
Fixed Charges	474242.00	393024.09		81217.91
New Equipment	38898.00	40452.75		(1554.75)
Prog/other districts	159251.00	129396.15		29854.85)
	3908645.00	3819442.07	86063.22	3139.71

III

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS & DISBURSEMENTS

Cash on Hand July 1, 1992			289679.95
Receipts			
Assessment Revenue			
Chesterfield	256869.00		
Goshen	150455.00		
Southampton	1130278.00		
Westhampton	400000.00		
Williamsburg	440378.00		
		2377980.00	
Interest Earned		14613.68	

State & Federal Payments & Private Grants		
Ch. 70 School Aid	478676.00	
Ch. 71 Regional Aid	672707.00	
Ch. 71 Trans. Reimburse't.	234217.00	
Ch. 76 SPED Trans. Reimbt	6125.00	
Early Child	12500.00	
PL94-142	79045.00	
Governors Alliance	8855.20	
PL 89-313	24650.00	
Palm	2600.00	
EEOG	4680.00	
Pre-school & Parents HPP5	11055.00	
DDE Title II	3996.00	
Ed Adaptions	22500.00	
$100/pupil	64800.00	
Conflict Res.	1771.00	
Chap 2	4994.00	
	---------	1633171.20
Building Improvements		
Roof Project		320000.00
Cafeteria Revolving Fund		
Lunch Receipts	103882.84	
State Reimbursements	2045.61	
Federal Reimbursements	10341.23	
Meals Tax	249.82	
	---------	116519.50
Other Revolving Funds		
Athletic Fund	8362.00	
Admin. Revolv. Fund	203366.15	
Lost & Damaged Texts	403.28	
Academic Fund	1275.00	
SSAP	374.00	
Prof Development	135.00	
HR Summer Program	7523.00	
Field Trip	300.00	
Energy Management Fund	52.99	
	--------	221791.42

Temporary Loan		200000.00
Employee Payroll Deductions		
Federal Withholding Tax	311521.91	
State Withholding Tax	151857.03	
Hampshire County Retirement	39148.09	
Mass. Teachers' Retirement	135389.15	
Annuities	89926.16	
Blue Cross/Blue Shield	57977.89	
Kaiser	4535.14	
Community Health	625.72	
Aetna Insurance	978.04	
Credit Union Deposit/Loans	10796.00	
Washington Nat'l Ins.	100.41	
United Way	677.00	
MTA Dues	17616.00	
MMC Tax	10798.49	
Social Security	4336.34	
HMO Blue	29443.33	
PPO Health	10911.32	
Health N.E.	451.68	
Mutual-Omaha	7916.08	
	---------	885005.89
Miscellaneous Receipts		
Deferral	19569.00	
Copies/Records	121.50	
Transcripts	262.20	
Pay Telephone	107.68	
Building Use	45.00	
Refunds	4259.76	
Misc. Receipt	777.06	
	----------	25142.20
Total Receipts		5794223.89
Total Balance & Receipts		6083903.84

Disbursements		
Employee Payroll Deductions		
Federal Withholding Tax	311521.91	
State Withholding Tax	151857.03	
Hampshire County Retirement	39148.09	
Mass. Teachers' Retirement	135389.15	
Annuities	89926.16	
Blue Cross/Blue Shield	58389.05	
Kaiser	4483.54	
Community Health	553.28	
Aetna Insurance	975.65	
Credit Union Deposit/Loans	10796.00	
Washington Nat'l Ins.	191.29	
United Way	677.00	
MTA Dues	17616.00	
MMC Tax	10798.49	
HMO Blue	30017.45	
Social Security	4336.34	
PPO Health	11085.44	
Health N.E.	539.84	
Mutual-Omaha	8142.48	
	---------	886444.19
Payments from Grants		
PL94-142	58090.97	
PL89-313	24650.00	
SSAP	452.94	
Project Impact I	102.15	
Project Impact III	1900.00	
Chap 2	4660.00	
Title II	3971.00	
Early Child Q	4522.85	
Addt'l Entitlement	4064.78	
Gov Alliance Drug	8828.78	
Ed Adapt.	19903.79	
Pre-Schoolers & Parents HPP	12090.56	
100/pupil II	64800.00	
Conflict Res	1771.00	
EEOG	4680.00	
		214488.82

Temporary Loan Payment		400000.00
Building Improvements		319766.11
Payments from Revolving Funds		
Cafeteria	114856.32	
Lost & Damaged Texts	685.30	
Adm Revolving	208375.12	
Prof Dev	175.00	
Maint Fund	367.00	
Athletic Fees	8263.54	
Summer Prog	7257.19	
Energy Mgm't	5164.70	
Academic Fund	1488.65	
Postage Fund	330.86	
	---------	346963.68
Meals Tax		249.82
Operating Costs		
#1000 Administration	148138.79	
#2000 Instruction	2346626.41	
#3000 Other Services	365952.98	
#4000 Maintenance	315766.92	
#5000 Fixed Charges	393024.09	
#7000 Equipment	40452.75	
#9000 Other School Services	129396.15	
#1000 Administration-901	4115.24	
#2000 Instruction-901	50528.49	
#3000 Other Services-901	3474.88	
	---------	3797476.70
Total Disbursements		5965389.32
Cash on Hand June 30, 1993		118514.52
Total Disbursement & Cash - June 30, 1993		6083903.84

IV
STATEMENT OF SURPLUS REVENUE

General Fund Surplus

Surplus Revenue-Excess & Deficiency	
Opening Balance July 1, 1992	90887.67
Transferred to Revenue Income	(39000.00)
Transferred from Budget Surplus	3139.71
Closing Balance June 30, 1993	55027.38
Use $5000 to offset budget reductions	(5000.00)
Forecasted E & D Balance	50027.38

James R. Freebourn, Treasurer

Description	Actual Fiscal 1994	Proposed Fiscal 1995
GENERAL GOVERNMENT		
COUNSEL FEES	3000.00	3000.00
MODERATOR	150.00	150.00
SELECTMEN SALARY	3200.00	3200.00
SELECTMEN EXPENSE	3000.00	3000.00
SELECTMEN SECRETARY	2500.00	2500.00
AUDITOR SALARY	90.00	90.00
ACCTING OFF. SALARY	5000.00	5000.00
ACCTING OFF. EXPENSE	630.00	630.00
ASSESSOR SALARY	3200.00	3200.00
ASSESSOR EXPENSE	5905.00	4500.00
ASSESSOR SECRETARY	905.00	950.00
TREASURER SALARY	5000.00	5000.00
TREASURER EXPENSE	2110.00	2535.00
TAX COLLECTOR SALARY	1650.00	1650.00
TAX COLLECTOR EXPENS	1400.00	3400.00
TOWN CLERK SALARY	1650.00	2500.00
TOWN CLERK EXPENSE	1730.00	1670.00
CLERK,BD REGISTRARS	60.00	60.00
CONSERVATION COMMISS	1000.00	1000.00
PLANNING BD EXPENSE	300.00	1000.00
HIGHWAYS		
HIWAY ADMINISTRATION	1925.00	2100.00
HIGHWAY SALARIES	72000.00	76500.00
HOLIDAY PAY	1916.00	2096.00
VACATION PAY	1332.00	2390.00
BRIDGES & RAILINGS	500.00	500.00
HIGHWAY MATERIALS	36000.00	50000.00
ROAD MACHINERY	16000.00	16000.00
ROAD MACHINERY FUEL	8750.00	8750.00
SNOW REMOVAL	24000.00	30000.00
ROAD MACHINERY BLDGS	2800.00	2800.00
SANDER (ARTICLE)	6000.00	0.00
SNOW PLOW	0.00	6000.00
SCHOOLS & LIBRARIES		
HRHS (ARTICLE)	385114.00	451692.00
SCHOOL SUMMER PAY	3649.00	3648.00
VOCATIONAL(ARTICLE)	89093.00	87720.00
ELEMENTARY SCHL(ART)	522493.00	592596.00
SCHOOL COMM SALARY	480.00	480.00
LIBRARY	11404.00	11595.04
VETERANS		
VETERANS EXPENSE	70.00	3250.00
VETERANS AGENT SALAR	550.00	550.00
MEMORIAL DAY	100.00	100.00

CEMETERIES		
CEMETERY SALARY	1600.00	1600.00
PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY		
POLICE CHIEF	825.00	0.00
POLICE DEPARTMENT	17000.00	25000.00
CONSTABLE	1.00	1.00
FIRE CHIEF	825.00	825.00
FIRE DEPARTMENT	7000.00	7300.00
FIRE VACCINE	300.00	0.00
INSPECTOR SALARY	4700.00	4800.00
CIVIL DEFENSE	1.00	1.00
DOG OFFICER	1.00	1.00
HEALTH & SANITATION		
HRMC (ARTICLE)	4512.00	4512.00
BD. OF HEALTH SALARY	900.00	900.00
BD. HEALTH EXPENSE	16000.00	12600.00
LANDFILL CAP (ART)	0.00	7750.00
DEBT & INTEREST		
INT SHORT TERM DEBT	2500.00	5000.00
UNCLASSIFIED		
INSURANCE & BONDS	36000.00	32900.00
TOWN OFFICES	12860.00	11970.00
COUNCIL ON AGING	815.00	815.00
RECREATION	0.00	100.00
HISTORICAL	200.00	200.00
COUNTY RETIREMENT	20372.00	23103.00
UNEMPLOYMENT(ART)	5200.00	5200.00
GROUP INSURANCE	50000.00	62000.00
MEDICARE	3500.00	3500.00
LAND DAMAGE	1.00	1.00
RESERVE FUND	2500.00	2500.00
	1414269.00	1606381.04
NON-APPROPRIATION		
EST. SNOW REMOVAL DEFICIT	20647.93	22000.00
OVERLAY	22750.00	22750.00
BUDGET WITHIN LEVY LIMIT	1457666.93	1651131.04
DEBT		
SCHOOL DEBT	425840.00	421005.00
ARTICLES		
BACKHOE	0.00	60000.00
FIRE TANK TRUCK	0.00	50000.00
FIRE STAT. ADDITION	0.00	35000.00

SALARIES

Fiscal 1994

All figures are annual unless otherwise noted.

Elected Officials		
Board of Selectmen	Chairman	1200
	Others	1000
Board of Assessors	Chairman	1200
	Others	1000
Board of Health	Each	300
Town Clerk		1650 plus fees
Clerk, Bd. Registrars		60
Tax Collector		1650 plus fees
Treasurer		5000
Auditor		90
Moderator		150
School Committee	Chairman	180
	Others	150
Appointed Officials		
Accounting Officer		5000
Veterans Agent		550
Selectmen's Secretary		2500
Assessor's Secretary		905
Building Inspector		3000
Wiring Inspector		15/inspection
Plumbing Inspector		15/inspection
Sanitation Inspector		15/inspection
Election workers		3.75/hour
Highway Department		
Grade 1A		11.53
Grade 3		10.24/hour
Superintendent		29328
Landfill		
Caretaker		6.75/hour
Operator		10.43/hour
Library		
Director		7.00/hour
Children's Librarian		5.50/hour
Town Hall		
Custodian		55.00/month
Police Chief		825
Officers-Regular		7.50/hour
Court		12.00/hour
Fire Chief		825
Cemetery Caretaker		2000

ARTICLES ON THE WARRANT
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
May 14, 1994

ARTICLE 1: To hear and act on all reports presented at said meeting.

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to leave the care of the highways in charge of the Selectmen.

ARTICLE 3: To vote in compliance with Section 108, Chapter 41 G.L. which requires that salaries of elected officials be fixed by vote of the Town.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide, a sum of money to meet Westhampton's share of Hampshire Regional School District's assessment for Fiscal 1995, or any lesser sum as may be certified by the District, provided that any such certification shall be made prior to the establishment of the tax rate, and to meet this appropriation, a sum of money be raised by taxation, or take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate, or otherwise provide, a sum of money to meet Westhampton's assessment for the Hampshire Regional School District 1991/92 teacher salary deferral, or take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide, a sum of money for the Elementary School, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide, a sum of money for Vocational expenses, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Section 83 of Chapter 71 of the Acts of 1993, as amended, known as the "Education Reform Act of 1993," to provide for an Early Retirement Incentive Program for the Members of the Massachusetts Teachers' Retirement System employed by the Westhampton Public School, with said program to include a five-year additional credit for age, service, or a combination thereof and a limit of ten(10) on the number of eligible employees, or take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide, such sum of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges in the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide a sum of money to hold in anticipation of unemployment benefits for Town employees in accordance with Chapter 151A of the General Laws of Massachusetts.

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide, a sum of money for the purchase of a backhoe for the Highway Department, or take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide, a sum of money for the purchase of a snow plow, or take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide, a sum of money for Westhampton's share of expenses of continued participation in the Hilltown Resource Management Cooperative, or take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide, a sum of money for a tank truck for the Fire Department, or take any other action in relation thereto.

action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide, a sum of money for an addition to the Fire Station, or take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to accept MGL Chapter 40, Section 8G Agreements for Mutual Police Aid Programs as follows:

A city or town which accepts this section may enter into an agreement with another city or town, or other cities and towns, to provide mutual aid programs for police departments to increase the capability of such departments to protect the lives, safety, and property of the people in the area designated in the agreement. Said agreement may include the furnishing of personal services, supplies, materials, contractual services, and equipment when the resources normally available to any municipality in the agreement are not sufficient to cope with a situation which requires police action.

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Section 41 of Chapter 653 of the Acts of 1989 (M.G.L. Chapter 59, Section 57C) regarding quarterly tax bills, or take any other action in relation thereto.

NOTE: This is a preliminary list of the articles for Annual Town meeting; it is subject to change and/or additions. The complete warrant will be posted at least seven days before the Annual Meeting, May 14th.

PLEASE BRING THIS REPORT WITH YOU TO THE ANNUAL MEETING.